monitoring and proper implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) is that of the concerned Ministry/Department. The nodal Ministry responsible for monitoring and implementing the National Food for Work Programme is the Ministry of Rual Development. However, the Planning Commission has put in place a Programme Outcome and Response Monitoring Division to help in designing appropriate systems for measuring the physical outcome of major programmes/schemes, including *inter-alia* the Food for Work Programme.

Clearance to Development Schemes

†449. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government is not giving clearance to the development schemes made by State Governments for years and only correspondence is done again and again;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such situation makes adverse effect on development resulting funds remaining unused and schemes not completed in time bound manner; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to tackle this situation, so that, country could progress rapidly and the funds do not remain unsued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The development schemes of the States, being part of their Annual Plans, do not require clearance of the Union Government for implementation/execution.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Meeting of NDC

450. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two-day meeting of the National Development Council was held recently to review the state of the economy

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.